

# RSS Feeds

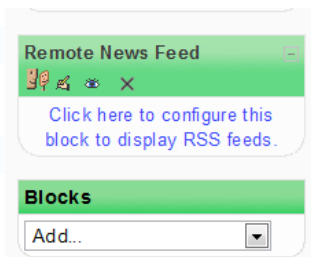
*Note: This document addresses Moodle™ version 1.8. Other versions may require modifications to some instructions mentioned herein.*

## Definition

**RSS**, which stands for Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication, is a family of web feed formats used to publish frequently updated content such as blog posts, news headlines, photos, PDF files, audio and video files. A RSS document, which is called a "feed," "web feed," or "channel," contains either a summary of content from an a web site or the full text.. It acts as an organizer to make it easier to transport the content as it is changing. RSS content can be read using software called a "feed reader" or an "aggregator".

## Configuring RSS Feeds block

1. RSS links can be set up in the Moodle Course by clicking on the **add** button under **Blocks**, generally on the lower right hand side of the course.



2. Click on **Click here to configure this block to display RSS feeds**

3. It will open to the **Configure this block** tab.

### Configuring a Remote RSS Feeds block

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Display each link's description?

Max number entries to show per block.

Choose the feeds which you would like to make available in this block: ☒ NPR Topics: Arts & Culture

Title:

Should a link to the original site (channel link) be displayed? (Note that if no feed link is supplied in the news feed then no link will be shown) :


Show channel image if available :

4. Select **Yes** or **No** to display each link's description or just title.
5. Select a number to determine the maximum number of entries that will be displayed. Most recent will display first.

6. Feeds are set up in the **Managing RSS Feeds** Tab. (See **Managing RSS Feeds** below) Once a feed is set up it will appear in a list and can be selected by placing a check in the box next to its' name.
7. Add a **Title** for the feed or leave blank and a title will be added by the RSS feed site.
8. **Display a link** allows you to link to the original site where article is available.
9. **Show channel image** can display the logo or image from the original site if it is available.
10. When finished, click on the **Configure this block** tab. Your feed listings should appear on the right of the **Choose the Feeds**. Check mark the box or boxes of those you wish to appear in your course.



## ***Adding/Managing RSS Feeds***

Click on the Manage all my feeds Tab

1. Links to currently set up feeds are listed with descriptions
2. To set up a new RSS Feed:
  - a. Search for a news feed link on a website. (Note: it is not the regular web address of a website.) Watch for the news feed icon 
  - b. In **add a news feed URL**, add the news feeds' web address.
  - c. The news feed will usually add a name to **Title** or you can customize
  - d. You can **Validate feed** to confirm it is accurate.
  - e. Click the **Add** button to add to list in all courses.

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Feed	Actions
<b>CNN.com</b> <a href="http://rss.cnn.com/rss/cnn_topstories.rss">http://rss.cnn.com/rss/cnn_topstories.rss</a> CNN.com delivers up-to-the-minute news and information on the latest top stories, weather, entertainment, politics and more.	 ×
<b>NPR Topics: Arts &amp; Culture</b> <a href="http://www.npr.org/rss/rss.php?id=1008">http://www.npr.org/rss/rss.php?id=1008</a> Arts and Culture	 ×

Add a news feed URL:

Custom title (leave blank to use title supplied by feed):

[Validate feed](#)